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Jeremy was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Jeremy will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Jeremy's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Jeremy's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jeremy Doyle in the official record of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Jeremy's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said: He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Jeremy.

#### ARMY SERGEANT MICHAEL SCHAFER

Mr. President, with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude I wish to honor the life of a brave soldier from Crown Point. Michael Schafer, 25 years old, died on July 25 from enemy gunfire on a quick reaction force mission in Oruzgan, Afghanistan. With so much of his life left before him, Michael risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

A generous and humorous man, Michael enlisted in the military following high school and re-enlisted 2 years ago. In joining the military, Michael continued a family tradition, as his father, Mark, served in the Navy. He was among the paratroopers who jumped into northern Iraq in March 2003 at the start of the war. Upon the completion of his time in the Army, Michael dreamed of becoming a police officer. A true believer in the cause of freedom, Michael often told his family that he

loved what he was doing. His family recounted to a local newspaper their pride in Michael and his habit of putting others before himself. I stand here today to express the same feelings of pride and gratitude for this young Hoosier's sacrifices and those made by his family on behalf of our country.

Michael was killed while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Vicenza, Italy. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Danielle, and their adopted son.

Today, I join Michael's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Michael, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

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#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF LAURA ESGUERRA ADAMS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Laura Esguerra Adams, a member of my staff who died last week after a valiant struggle against cancer. I want the Senate and the

American people to know about this extraordinary young woman who served us all so well.

Laura was my Web designer, in charge of my Senate Web site. Over the past several years, she transformed "boxer.senate.gov" from a simple, nondescript Web page to a modern, cutting-edge site that has won awards for its clean look, comprehensive content, and accessibility.

Today thousands of Californians visit this site every week to get up-to-date information, express their opinions, and obtain help from my office and Government agencies. Laura's many additions to the site included video updates from California and the Senate floor, contests for kids on Earth Day and the Fourth of July, and dozens of links to other sites providing news, information, and assistance.

Laura was not only a tremendous asset to my staff; she was also a joy to work with. She was smart, funny, and most of all big hearted. She was both tech wise and user friendly, always willing to share her knowledge and expertise. In our Los Angeles office, she organized great potluck lunches where she cooked well, ate prodigiously, and shared her eclectic taste in music of all kinds—good, bad, and strange.

A truly urban Angeleno, Laura lived in a downtown LA loft and recently led her new husband James and their wedding party on a candlelight procession through the center city.

Laura was a highly skilled and devoted public servant who believed that technology can and should add to our understanding of Government and give more people the opportunity to participate in our democracy. I deeply appreciate her service to the Senate and the people of California.

I know Members will join me in honoring the memory of Laura Esguerra Adams and sending our thoughts and prayers to her husband, family, and many dear friends.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS A. GRAU

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I congratulate Thomas A. Grau, CPCU, who is near the end of his term as the 100th president of the Nation's largest insurance association, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, IIABA. He was elected to IIABA's executive committee in September 1999, and was installed as the organization's president last October. Tom is an executive with the Cogswell Agency in Great Falls, MT.

During Tom's year as president, IIABA accomplished a number of milestone achievements. It sought—and earned—the honor of a major policy address to its members by President Bush in April. The association met its goal of having 5,000 agencies on board as members of its Trusted Choice® branding initiative, and did so 6 months